



35th Anniversary

URBAN LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY

1917-1952



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TOLERANCE

TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS ...

During the past thirty-five years in which the Urban League has served this community, significant changes have taken place among the citizenry. Great strides have been made in tolerance and understanding, as depicted on the cover of this program.

The Urban League has been a part of this change. It has been and is an agent of change, for it is the task of the Urban League movement to seek out the weaknesses of our democratic society and to work for their improvement.

The Urban League is concerned with the conditions under which all minorities work and live. Particular attention is given to the problems of the Negro because it is the largest identifiable minority group. We know through experience here in America that the attainment of full economic equality and first class citizenship for the Negro will assure like benefits to all minority groups, and our nation will grow stronger socially, economically, and morally.

To this task, the Urban League re-dedicates itself.

*A. A. Phillips, M.D.
President*

DEDICATION

In commemorating Thirty-five Years of Community Teamwork, we humbly dedicate this program to those civic leaders who formed the Urban League so that they might "work not as white nor as colored people for the narrow benefit of one group alone, but together as American citizens for the common good of our common city, our common country."

We owe a special tribute to the following leaders:

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Carl Barnhart, Archie H. Ormond, L. Hamilton Garner
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Lester B. Granger
First Industrial Relations Secretary, now Executive Director of
the National Urban League.

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS IN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF COMMUNITY TEAMWORK BY THE URBAN LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY

- 1917 - Established Friendly Visitors Committee to visit homes and counsel newly arrived families from the South.
Brought about the placement of Negro professional and health workers in Newark Agencies (Family Service Bureau, Department of Health).
- 1918 - Induced Newark Board of Education and Female Charitable Association to provide recreational facilities for Negroes.
- 1919 - Fostered the establishment of the Sojourner Truth Branch Y. W. C. A.
- 1920 - Secured first camping opportunities for colored children.
- 1922 - Inaugurated vocational training for colored girls.
- 1926 - Made investigations and recommendations which resulted in the formation of the Friendly Neighborhood House.
Conducted training programs and brought about placement of Negroes on Newark Police Force.
- 1928 - Successfully negotiated for the appointment of colored workers to the County Probation Department and the Newark Department of Public Welfare.
- 1930 - Assisted Prudential Life Insurance Company in its pioneering low-cost housing program, resulting in erection of Douglass-Harrison Apartments.
- 1934 - Provided clerical and professional work experience for Negroes and made extensive surveys of vocational opportunities and of Negro business activity.
Organized Essex County Workers' Council, Essex County Council for Social Adjustment and the Fireside Discussion Forum.
- 1938 - Pioneered in fight for Public Housing.
- 1939 - Influenced appointment of first Negro to New Jersey State Employment Service.
- 1941 - Spearheaded successful drive to open Defense Training programs to Negroes.
Organized local March on Washington Movement.
Negotiated integration of Negroes into various war industries.
- 1944 - Inaugurated Neighborhood program, providing opportunity for education and guidance of citizens at grass-roots level.
- 1945 - Spearheaded campaign for fair employment legislation, resulting in establishment of the State Division Against Discrimination.
Organized Urban League Guild.
Negotiated the employment of first Negroes as telephone operators and linesmen, bus drivers, and department store sales girls.
- 1947 - Organized the Emergency Fire Hazard Committee in Newark.
- 1948 - Organized New Jersey Tenants Council and Essex County Negro Business League.
- 1949 - Established volunteer Homemaker's Aid Service to provide emergency care in motherless homes.
- 1950 - Expanded the placement of scientific, technical, clerical and skilled Negro workers.
- 1951 - Intensified the vocational guidance program, in cooperation with city, suburban, and county schools.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM
URBAN LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY

HOTEL ESSEX HOUSE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

6:15 P. M., Tuesday, May 6, 1952

National Anthem	<i>Mrs. Frances Brock Davis</i>
Welcome	<i>Dr. A. A. Phillips</i> <i>President</i>
Invocation	<i>Rev. L. Hamilton Garner</i> <i>Member, Board of Directors</i>
Mistress of Ceremonies	<i>Dr. E. Mae McCarroll</i> <i>Chairman, Annual Meeting</i> <i>Committee</i>
Annual Race Relations Award Presentation	<i>Mr. Harry Jellinek</i> <i>President, Newark Teachers'</i> <i>Association</i>
Presentation to National Urban League	<i>Mrs. Jerrold Stern</i> <i>President, Urban League</i> <i>Guild of Essex County</i>
Annual Report Highlights	<i>George H. Robinson</i> <i>Executive Secretary</i>
Address	<i>The Honorable J. Waties Waring</i> <i>U. S. District Court</i>
Remarks	<i>Lester B. Granger</i> <i>Executive Director, National</i> <i>Urban League</i>
Dinner Music by the White Brothers' Trio	

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